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(NOTAL); D) BRAZZAVILLE 787 (NOTAL)

1. IN FOLLOW UP MEETING WITH PRESIDENT YHOMBY-OPANGO'S  
DIRECTOR OF CABINET OTSE-MAWANDZA, JUNE 19, CHARGE  
HEARD SAME ENCOURAGING NOTE CONVEYED BY PRESIDENTIAL  
POLITICAL ADVISOR EKONDY, JUNE 16 (REFTELS B AND D)  
OTSE SAID THAT HE

WOULD RELAY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT YHOMBY-OPANGO, WHO IS IN OWANDO.

2. CONCERNING RELATED QUESTIONS DISCUSSED REFTEL A, WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING THOUGHTS:

3. CONGOLESE WERE PARTICULARLY RECEPTIVE TO STATE 150348, AND LIKE IDEA OF BEING INVOLVED IN CONSULTATIVE PROCESS WITH UNITED STATES. THEY HAVE NOT HAD SIMILAR EXPERIENCES OF BEING CONSULTED BY A GREAT POWER BEFORE. SECONDLY, CONGOLESE APPEAR WILLING TO CONTINUE ON ANGOLA/ZAIRE MEDIATION EFFORT AND WOULD WELCOME, WE BELIEVE, GUIDANCE IN THIS AREA. THIRDLY, CONGOLESE HAVE MENTIONED ON SEVERAL OCCASION LATE PRESIDENT NGOUABI'S INITIATIVE IN CALLING FOR AN OAU PEACE KEEPING FORCE, AN INITIATIVE WHICH YHOMBY-OPANGO STILL SUPPORTS PUBLICLY.

4. GIVEN IMPORTANCE OF KHARTOUM SUMMIT, WE WOULD PROPOSE, ON BASIS OF DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS, GOING BACK TO CONGOLESE NEXT WEEK REGARDING STARTING THE BALL ROLLING AGAIN ON CONGOLESE MEDIATION. YHOMBY-OPANGO NOW SCHEDULED RETURN FROM THE NORTH JUNE 24. PARALLEL CONSULTATIONS COULD BE LAUNCHED ELSEWHERE IN FIELD. WITH SUPPORT FROM CONGOLESE AND OTHER "RADICALS" AND, PRESUMABLY, AGREEMENT BY MODERATES WHO HAVE ASSISTED  
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IN SHABA, CONSENSUS COULD BE SOUGHT AT KHARTOUM FOR PURSUING MEDIATION COURSE, BOLSTERED BY CALL FOR PEACE KEEPING FORCE UNDER OAU AUSPICES. IT WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE TENURE OF AN OAU PEACE KEEPING FORCE IN SHABA WOULD BE A LIMITED ONE, AND THAT A PHASED REPLACEMENT BY NEWLY TRAINED ZAIRIAN TROOPS COULD BEGIN WITHIN EVEN 60-90 DAYS OF THE CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT ON THE GROUND OF AN OAU PEACE KEEPING PRESENCE.

5. THERE IS ANOTHER, SOMEWHAT CYNICAL ADVANTAGE IN CONSULTING ABOUT AND ADVOCATING THIS PACKAGE, I.E., IF THE OAU CAN CREATE A FORCE (WITH ACCEPTABLE MEMBERSHIP), FINE. IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, THE OAU IS UNABLE TO COME UP WITH SUCH A FORCE, DUE TO SIMPLE LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS AND/OR INTERNAL DYNAMICS, AT LEAST THE NECESSARY GOOD WILL AND DEFERENCE TO THE OAU THROUGH PRIOR CONSULTATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES WILL HAVE BEEN SHOWN. IF THE SUMMIT CANNOT CREATE A PEACE KEEPING FORCE, PRESENT ELEMENTS SIMPLY WILL REMAIN UNTIL REPLACED BY HOPEFULLY IMPROVED FAZ, AND OAU MEMBERS WILL RECOGNIZE THAT IT WAS ORGANIZATION'S INABILITY TO COME UP WITH SUBSTITUTE THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTINUED NON-OAU GROUPING.

6. AT THE VERY LEAST, THEN, WE BELIEVE CONGOLESE WOULD BE SYMPATHETIC TO US CONSULTATIONS AND WILLING (A) TO REOPEN THEIR MEDIATION INITIATIVE, (B) TO BACK AN OAU FORCE FOR A BRIEF TIME, UNLESS OTHER AFRICAN "RADICALS" ARE VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED, (C) ALTERNATIVELY TO (B), TO SWALLOW ANNOUNCEMENT OF A FAIRLY SHORT DURATION FOR THE CURRENT SHABA FORCE AND, (D) NOT TO CRITICIZE IMPROVED ZAIRIAN SELF DEFENSE CAPABILITY (NOR DO THEY HAVE ANY BASIS FOR DOING SO). THIS IS NOT TO SAY, OF COURSE, THAT THE ENTIRE CONGOLESE LEADERSHIP BELIEVES MOBUTU TO BE THE BEST OR EVEN THE ONLY POSSIBLE ZAIRIAN LEADER IN THE PICTURE. NOR DO THEY REALLY BELIEVE THAT THESE STEPS PLUS ENCOURAGEMENT OF  
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ECONOMIC REFORMS WILL DO THE TRICK, OR THAT MOBUTU POSSESSES ABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH RETURN OF LUNDAS TO THE FOLD.  
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